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SUBJ: INDIAN LEFT SEES GOI RECOGNIZING THE MPLA

1. SPEAKING TO A RALLY SPONSORED BY THE CONGRESS PARTY, THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA, THE ALL INDIA PEACE AND SOLIDARITY ORGANIZATION, AND THE ASIAN MISSION OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF SOUTH AFRICA, RAJYA SABHA MP (DEPUTY CONGRESS LEADER) MR. RAJU CONDEH QFI COLONIAL AND IMPERIALIST FORCES' TACTICS OF SUBVERSION AND ADMIRING MRS. GANDHI FOR HER BOLD STEP WITH REGARD TO RECOGNITION OF ANGOLA BUT SAID THAT NO PRESSURE SHOULD BE BROUGHT ON MRS GANDHI FOR RECOGNITION OF THE MPLA. SHE HAD RECOGNIZED BANGLADESH AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME HE SAID, AND WAS

THE BEST JUDGE TO DECIDE WHEN RECOGNITION SHOULD BE ACCORDED.

2. MRS. PURABI MUKERJI, AICC GENERAL SECRETARY, SAID SHE HOPED INDIA WOULD SOON RECOGNIZE THE FREE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA. SHE SAID THE PRIME MINISTER, WHO WAS NOT ONLY THE LEADER OF INDIA, BUT ALSO OF THE WHOLE DEVELOPING WORLD AND THE NON-ALIGNED NATIONS, HAD MADE KNOWN THE DEFINITE POLICY OF HELP AND SUPPORT IN THE PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE IN ANGOLA.

3. CPI GENERAL SECRETARY RAJESHWARA RAO SAID IT WAS A SOURCE OF GREAT HAPPINESS THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAD COME

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OUT OPENLY IN SUPPORT OF THE MPLA (COMMENT: WE HAVE SEEN

NO PUBLIC STATEMENT TO THIS EFFECT BY THE PM) AND HE WAS SURE SHE WILL SOON GRANT RECOGNITION TO THE SOLE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA.

4. THE GHANAIAAN AMBASSADOR HERD TOLD THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR

ON JANUARY 22 THAT HE THOUGHT GOI RECOGNITION OF THE MPLA WOULD BE FORTHCOMING SHORTLY.THE AMBASSADOR SPECULATED THAT THE GOI WOULD NOT WANT TO BE TOO FAR BEHIND THE PACE NOW THAT 23 AFRICAN STATES HAD RECOGNIZED THE MPLA.

5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE RALLY WAS ANOTHER LEFTIST FRONT PRODUCTION, WE THINK THERE IS MORE THAN A SHADE OF TRUTH IN THE SPECULATION THAT THE GOI IS LEANING TOWARD RECOGNITION OF THE MPLA. NEVERTHELESS, NYRERE'S VISIT TO INDIA PRODUCED NO INDICATION OF INDIAN INTENTIONS TO RECOGNIZE THE MPLA AND THE GOI MAY STILL BE WAITING FOR MORE OAU AND NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES TO RECOGNIZE BEFORE MOVING.
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